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SUBJECT:PROPOSED PASSEX EXERCISE ON AUGUST 25

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 4164

IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM REFTEL WHETHER PASSEX ACTIVITY WOULD
OCCUR "NEAR KEELUNG", "WELL TO THE EAST OF THE MID-LINE
OF THE STRAIT" OR BOTH. DEPT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO
PROPOSED PASSEX, PROVIDED ALL EXERCISE ACTIVITY TAKES
PLACE NEAR KEELUNG, I.E., OUTSIDE THE TAIWAN STRAIT. HOW-
EVER, DEPT WOULD OBJECT TO EVEN THIS LOW-LEVEL MILITARY
EXERCISE TAKING PLACE IN THE TAIWAN STRAIT, EVEN IF AC-
TIVITY IS EAST OF MID-LINE. OUR CONCERN ON THIS POINT IS
PARTICULARLY STRONG DURING THE JULY-SEPTEMBER QUARTER WHICH
IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN THE TIME FOR PRC EXERCISES ALONG
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